

## **Victim-Witness Assistance Program**

### **Mission:**

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program intends to promote sensitive treatment and provide direct services to victims of crime.

### **Goals:**

- Respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims.
- Assist victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization.
- Assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system.
- Provide victims with information and referral for services.
- Inform victims and witnesses of their rights pursuant to victims' rights legislation, as well as the victims' rights Constitutional amendment.

### **Implementation Strategies for FY2002:**

- To explore new avenues for volunteer recruitment so that more services can be provided to an increased number of victims and witnesses.
- The program will also assist victims of spousal abuse who seek civil protective orders by providing Court accompaniment and referrals to community agencies. During Victims Rights Week and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness month, program personnel will enhance community awareness of the program through public service announcements and other community activities.

### **Budget Issues:**

- In FY1998, the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) approved funding for an Assistant Victim-Witness Director.
- For FY2002, funding is provided for work-as-required staffing to support an increased number of victims and witnesses.

General Fund Expenditures	FY1998 Actual Expenditures	FY1999 Actual Expenditures	FY2000 Actual Expenditures	FY2001 Original Budget	FY2001 Expected Appropriations	FY2002 Adopted Budget
<b>20222 Victim-Witness Assistance Program</b>						
Personnel Services	73,909	81,344	85,580	93,770	93,770	103,347
Contractual Services	258	667	-	900	900	500
Internal Services	88	67	-	-	-	-
Other Charges	3,604	4,207	3,376	3,780	3,780	3,780
Materials & Supplies	963	2,313	1,586	1,330	1,330	1,000
Capital Outlay	<u>7,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,982</u>	<u>-</u>
Activity Total	<u>86,026</u>	<u>88,598</u>	<u>90,542</u>	<u>99,780</u>	<u>102,762</u>	<u>108,627</u>

#### FTE's

Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional/Technical	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Admin/Clerical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>

